

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

**Listing Of Claims:**

- Claim 1 (Currently Amended) Oxidic catalyst composition comprising 5-60 wt.% of a divalent metal, 5-60 wt.% of a trivalent metal and ~~35-60~~ 40-55 wt% of a rare earth metal, calculated as oxide and based on the total weight of the oxidic catalyst composition.
- Claim 2 (Original) An oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1 wherein the divalent metal is Mg.
- Claim 3 (Previously Presented) An oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1 wherein the trivalent metal is Al.
- Claim 4 (Previously Presented) Process for preparing an oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1, which process involves forming a precipitate from a solution containing dissolved divalent, trivalent, and rare earth metal salts, followed by calcination of the precipitate obtained.
- Claim 5 (Previously Presented) Process for preparing an oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1, which process involves the calcination of a physical mixture of a divalent, a trivalent, and a rare earth metal source.
- Claim 6 (Previously Presented) Catalyst particle comprising the oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1, a matrix or filler material, and a molecular sieve.
- Claim 7 (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the oxidic catalyst composition of claim 1 in an A~~ FCC process utilizing an oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1.
- Claim 8 (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the catalyst particle of claim 6 in an A~~ FCC process utilizing the catalyst particle according to claim 6.